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STATE OF DELAWARE BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Monday, April 15, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: May 13, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Fran Franklin, PhD, LCSW, Professional Member, **President**Precious Benson, Public Member, **Vice-President**John Mucha, LCSW, Professional Member
Kyla Gleockler, Public Member
Dajoun Sewell, Public Member, **Secretary**Daphne Warner, LCSW, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Kelly, DAG

Alison Warren, Administrative Specialist III

MEMBERS ABSENT

Linda Brittingham, LCSW, Professional Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Beverly Powers
Joy Ashefsky
Brandie Pendergest
Alecia Jefferson
Ivy Sheffler-Oidick
Danielle Brown
Norwood Coleman, Jr
Michael Francum

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Franklin called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from the March 25, 2019 Board meeting. Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Warner, to approve the March minutes with amendments. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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Review and Consider Order for Diana Galaris

The order for Ms. Galaris was reviewed by the Board and signed by Dr. Franklin.

Rules and Regulation Deliberations Pursuant to 24 Del.C.§3906(a)(1)

Ms. Kelly began the deliberations at 9:10 a.m. This was not a hearing and no public comment was accepted in context of deliberations. The issue before the Board was whether to adopt the amendments to the rule and regulations as proposed. Written comments sent in by the April 8th deadline were part of the deliberations. The following exhibits were considered, exhibit 3 – written comments from Ms. Alexis Lelito, exhibit 4 –written comments from Ms. Susan Woodward, exhibit 5 – written comments from Norwood Coleman, and testimony from Norwood Coleman at the March 25th meeting. Ms. Warner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mucha to accept the regulations as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review of Tabled Application by Reciprocity – Ivy-Sheffler-Oidick

The Board reviewed the additional information provided concerning the exam that Ms. Sheffler-Oidick passed when she was licensed by the State of Maryland. Ms. Sewell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mucha to approve Ms. Sheffler-Oidick's application.

Request to Lift Probation – Michelle Ropeter Lewis

The Board reviewed the request to lift Ms. Ropeter Lewis probation. Ms. Sewell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner to deny the request to lift probation. The letter submitted from Ms. Ropeter's therapist needs to be clarified in terms of her role with Ms. Ropeter; continuing education units need to be completed face to face, her therapist cannot validate the continuing education units completed. By unanimous vote the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Application(s) to Sit for ASWB Clinical Exam

Mr. Mucha made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sewell to ratify the application(s) below to sit for the ASWB clinical exam. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

- 1. Katrina Coleman
- 2. Innocent Turner
- 3. Dawn Hall

Ratification of Application(s) for Licensure by Exam

Mr. Mucha made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sewell to ratify the application(s) below for licensure by exam. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

1. Rachel Atkinson

Ratification of Application(s) for Licensure by Reciprocity

Mr. Mucha made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sewell to ratify the application(s) below for licensure by reciprocity. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

- 1. Elizabeth Krzyna
- 2. Denise Corrado
- 3. Kelly Godinho

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4. Tina Wright Status of Complaints

None

Review of 2019 Returned Audit Documentation

The Board will start to review audit documentation at the May meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

Sandra Billops – the Board reviewed the additional information sent in by Ms. Billops. If her supervision meets the requirements they will review the information provided when her application is submitted. Ultimately the board does not pre-approve supervisors or hours.

Lauren Griffith – Ms. Griffith can use a supervisor in Germany as long as she meets the requirements. Volunteer work can be used if her supervisor signs off and it meets the requirements.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

There was no other business before the board

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brandi Pendergest asked the question – "can a LCSW diagnose Autism"? The Board confirmed they could.

Mr. Coleman thanked the Board for their deliberations.

Dr. Saunders asked for clarification on when the applications would be available. June 11, 2019 was confirmed.

There was also additional discussion and comments about people with other degrees qualifying for the grandfathering clause, what the application fees would be and could the website FAQ's be updated.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is May 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A, of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Suite 203, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Sewell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gleockler, to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Warren

Alison Warren Administrative Specialist III

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The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.